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CHINA

Probable Location of Motor Vehicle Plant Identified

A large new industrial complex which is probably the site of the China No. 2 Automobile Plant has been observed under construction in Hupeh Province on recent photography. It is located in a rugged mountain area about 50 nm west-northwest of Kuang-hua, along the rail line under construction between Wu-han and Chung-ching. Construction of a motor vehicle plant by this name in the Wu-tang Mountains of Hupeh has been reported by several sources from inside China.

The new complex is spread out over about 45 square nm and consists of more than 20 separate areas dispersed in valleys. It is too early to determine if all of these areas are part of the motor vehicle plant. Construction started between [REDACTED] On small-scale photography of [REDACTED] the complex contained about 5 million square feet of roof cover. At least 120 major buildings in varying stages of construction were seen. They included forges, foundries, machine shops and assembly buildings of the types needed for motor vehicle production.

The Chang-chun Automobile Plant, which contains about 3.4 million square feet of roof cover, is currently China's largest producer of motor vehicles.

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